

LIQUOR TRAFFIC WILL BE BIGGER FACTOR IN 1916

Bull Moose Plan to Making It
Feature of Their
Campaign.

HOBSON MAY QUIT PARTY

Leaders of Old Parties Will
Contest Efforts to
Bolt Them.

PROHIBITIONISTS ARE TICKLED

Mann and Underwood Both Voted
Against Idea Which Promises to Be
Big Issue in Next Campaign.

Leaders of the two old parties last night expressed the belief that prohibition of the liquor traffic doubtless would become an issue in the Presidential campaign of 1916. This was conceded despite the fact that the Republican leadership and the Democratic party, as represented by the administration and by its spokesmen, united Tuesday in opposing the Hobson prohibition resolution which was voted down in the House.

That the Progressive party is making plans to feature prohibition in 1916 is generally believed. It also is believed that movements will be organized within the two old parties to further the cause of temperance as a national issue.

Hobson May Bolt Party.

In his closing speech in the House Tuesday night, Representative Hobson, of Alabama, author of the prohibition resolution, made a threat that he was not overlooked by the leaders of the Democratic party. He declared that if prohibition was downed in the next Congress the people might elect in 1916 an administration that would not dare, either in the open or under cover, "to fight the cause of prohibition."

While Mr. Hobson has always been a Democrat, it is known that he would not hesitate to desert that party if the party at any time adopted a plank in its national platform expressly disapproving the movement for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

ough the House did not divide on prohibition along political lines, it was notable that in the debate and on the vote such conspicuous Republican leaders as Representative Mann, of Illinois, arrayed themselves against the movement headed by Representative Hobson. Mr. Mann will in all probability be a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1916.

Despite his ambitions in this regard, his friends say he lost nothing by opposing prohibition as presented in the Hobson resolution. Mr. Mann's opposition was based on the theory that regulation of the traffic is a function for exercise by the States and that Federal prohibition, as proposed, would do more harm than good.

Will Fight New Party Idea.

It is known that the recognized leaders of both the old parties will fight any movement that may be made within the old organizations to make prohibition a national issue. They realize that the question is bound to provoke a great deal of trouble and are prepared to witness the bolt of the third party of Republicans and Democrats who are of the opinion that suppression of the liquor traffic is the biggest issue before the American people.

It became known yesterday that upon his retirement from Congress on March 4, Mr. Hobson will establish headquarters in Washington from which he will direct the prohibition organization. Mr. Hobson will continue the agitation and keep tabs on the two old parties.

Mr. Hobson and his associates are in a happy frame of mind over the vote on prohibition in the House. They declare that prohibition made a better showing in that body under all circumstances time Congress would submit a prohibition amendment to the States for ratification.

BOMBS FIRE AERIAL SHEDS.

French Aviator Conducts Daring
Raid on German Hangars.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—Flying at a height of 4,000 feet, a French aviator dropped three bombs upon the main station of the German aviation squadron near Strasbourg on Monday, and caused heavy damage. The station is in the suburb of Illkirch-Graffenstaden, only two miles from the heart of Strasbourg and well within the line of forts protecting the stronghold.

The attacking aviator was driven off by aerial guns before he could reach the main town, but when he sped back toward the French frontier the Illkirch-Graffenstaden station was burning.

Great activity is evident in the Zeppelin factory at Friedrichshafen. Another armored dirigible is being tried out.

German Discount Rate Reduced.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The discount rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany today was reduced to 5 per cent, the figure at which it ruled before the war broke out.

Christmas Holiday excursion fares to all points via Norfolk & Western Ry. Inquire 1419 N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

CHARITIES SEEKS FUNDS TO SAVE ELEVEN HOMES

Three Made Safe for Another Year, but Others Face Starvation or Dissolution in Institutions Unless Money Is Given Them Today.

The Washington Herald urgently invites serious consideration for and attention to the fourteen opportunities for intelligent and practical charity offered this year by the Associated Charities.

Three of the opportunities have been closed. This guarantees that three homes, in which are fourteen children, will be kept together by the kindness of Washingtonians for a year at least. Eleven opportunities have not been closed. These mean the happiness of eleven families in which there are forty-two children.

This is the last day on which funds may be subscribed to these opportunities, as they are meant for Christmas presents to the fourteen families whose cases have been investigated and found worthy of help.

If the funds are raised, it means happiness and relief from the fear of starvation or separation for fourteen families. If they are not raised, it means that the families will have their hopes broken tomorrow morning.

Two thousand dollars has been raised. There is needed \$2,197 more. Unless it is given by Washingtonians, orphan asylums will have new applicants for admission and members of some families may die who otherwise might have lived.

Parents Will Be Blind.

Opportunity No. 1—Mother blinded by accident, father becoming blind, with six children to feed, clothe and shelter. The father is learning a trade at a school for the blind to help support his family. Ten dollars a week is needed to keep this home intact while the plucky man

PLAZA FESTIVAL PLANS COMPLETE

Community Celebration Will
Take Place This Evening
at Capitol.

BIG CHORUS WILL SING

Marine Band Will Play and Series
of Tableau Delight Auditors, Who
Will Number Thousands.

PROGRAM.

Marine Band, "Creation Hymn" (Beethoven).
Hymn, "O Come, Emmanuel."
Hymn, "Little Town of Bethlehem."
Tableau, "Mary and Joseph on the Way to Bethlehem."
Hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful."
Tableau, "Wise Men and Shepherds."
Marine Band, "Cantique de Noel" (Adams), current solo.
Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Tableau, "Posing of Angels."
Hymn, "Still Night."
Tableau, "Birth of the Savior."
Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
"Star Spangled Banner."

The Capitol plaza will be the stage this evening at 5 o'clock for a spectacle that has come to be as much a part of Washington's Christmas celebration as turkey legs and cranberry sauce.

As the hour of 5 sounds, there will rise at the foot of the east steps the strains of Beethoven's "Creation Hymn" by the Marine Band and the opening number of community Christmas tree celebration that last year brought thousands to the Capitol plaza.

The success of the festival, arranged that the whole city might share in Christmas observance, is assured from the appreciation accorded it last year.

The 1914 tree and program has called forth zealous efforts of many of the city's leading men and women, and crowds fully as large as in 1913 are expected.

The program will consume an hour. In the chorus there will be more than 1,000 trained voices, gathered, rehearsed and to be directed by Prof. Otto T. Simon, who was responsible last year for the fine choral work of the celebration.

Instrumental numbers will be under the direction of William H. Santelmann, its director. Under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Nellig, of Neighborhood House, a series of tableaux will be presented illustrative of the different phases of the Christ story.

The Boy Scouts have volunteered to help control the crowds expected at the celebration. The scouts were on duty yesterday at the offices of the Associated Charities, 825 H street northwest and 2215 O street northwest.

DIVORCES HUSBY; GETS \$35,000.

Cincinnati Society Woman Gets
Decree from Electrical Magnate.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Greina M. Belton, former society woman of Cincinnati, was granted a divorce from George F. Belton, vice president of the General Electric Company, by Judge Trout today and awarded a lump sum of \$35,000 in extinction of all claims of alimony.

The divorce was granted upon statutory grounds, the court holding that Mrs. Belton had conclusively established her husband had been more than friendly with Mrs. Martha Clarke, a Los Angeles manufacturer.

CAMERON HEIRS GET \$4,000,000

Washington Women to Receive
Share of Former
Senator's Estate.

HE ESTABLISHES TRUST

Hale at Eighty-two, One-time "Boss"
of Pennsylvania Executes Legal
Papers to Divide Fortune.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 23.—Former United States Senator James Donald Cameron, eighty-two years old, more widely known as "Don" Cameron, Quay's predecessor as "boss" of Pennsylvania, who has been living for many years in retirement on his big farm at Donegal, near Harrisburg, Pa., today executed legal papers for the adjustment and division among his heirs of his estate of \$4,000,000.

He placed his fortune in trust, naming as the trustees his son, James M. Cameron, J. Gardner Bradley, a grandson, and the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia. In effecting the transfer the aged former Senator first conveyed all his holdings, real and personal, to his lawyer, Andrew C. Gray, of Wilmington, son of former Federal Judge George M. Gray. Then Mr. Gray reconveyed the property to Mr. Cameron and the trustees.

The trust is to continue during the life of the former Senator and thereafter until the death of the last survivor of his children and their descendants now living. The retired Senator's wife, who lives abroad, does not appear in any of the provisions, but it is stated that she has already received her dower rights of one-third of her husband's possessions.

Mrs. Hale Gets Share.

The children are Miss Mary Cameron, Mrs. Eliza C. Bradley, and James M. Cameron, all of Harrisburg; Mrs. Virginia C. Rodgers, and Mrs. Rachel C. Hale, of Washington; Mrs. Martha C. Lindsey, wife of a British diplomat and Mrs. Margaretta C. Clark, of Passaic, N. J.

There are sixteen other descendants. Within one year of the death of the children or their descendants the estate will be divided among the issue then living, according to the interest the parents of each would have received.

Former Senator Cameron is the son of Simon Cameron, President Lincoln's banker. When his father retired from the Senate his town was passed on to "Don" Cameron. He became the political ruler of Pennsylvania and was known as an "iron boss." He served as Secretary of War in the cabinet of President Grant. His political star began to wane in 1897, the year of his retirement.

Ship Beached to Quench Fire.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—After an all night fight, the fire in a hold of the steamship *Oglio*, cotton laden, Savannah to Gothenburg, was gotten under control today. The loss will be heavy. The steamer was beached near the battery.

\$125 to Baltimore and Return
Every Saturday and Sunday, Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good to return until 9 a. m. following Monday.—Adv.

ANTI-WED RULE JUST, EDUCATION BOARD DECLARES

Indicates Marriage Will Continue
to Be Signal for
Dismissal.

RULE PROTECTS HOME

Mrs. Hellman's Chances for
Reinstatement Slight, Is
Opinion.

TO CONSIDER THREE PROTESTS

School Directors to Take Up Formal
Complaints Against Ruling at
January Meeting.

Public school rule No. 45, which automatically dismisses a woman teacher the day she becomes a bride, was defended as a "rule of wisdom" last night by members of the board of education. In the face of agitation by various women's organizations which demand that the rule be rescinded as a "relic of feudalism" there seems to be not even a remote chance of the rule being wiped from the books.

Members of the board seem to regard as even more remote the chance of Mrs. Carl A. Hellman, discharged as a teacher in Morgan School when married last July, of being restored to her position. Board members say: "Under the law and present conditions it is not possible for the board of education to restore Mrs. Hellman."

Rule 45 reads in part: "Should a female teacher marry, her place shall thereupon become vacant."

Grade Schools Closed.

The only protest against this rule in the memory of one member who has been on the board four years was the protest of Mrs. Hellman.

"The rule obviously is a wise rule," said this member, who may be accepted as speaking for the board. "Its makers, whoever they were, recognized the value of the American home. They also knew that a woman teacher, who marries, and who is just entering a new life, confronting new problems and difficulties, cannot give proper attention to her home unless she neglects her school. If she does not neglect her school, she must neglect her home."

"After a woman has been married a few years, and, in a word, is 'settled,' she may then under certain conditions properly maintain her home and properly teach her pupils. Therefore, though the teacher is dismissed when she marries, she may re-enter school service a few years after her marriage.

"In the graded schools, however, the law and present conditions make it impossible, practically, for a woman dismissed for marriage to return to the school service. The law says that preference in appointment of teachers shall be given graduates of the normal schools. In the last four years there have been more normal school graduates than we have had positions for.

"Therefore, the woman seeking to re-enter after dismissal for marriage would have really no chance. If we had positions for all the normal graduates of this year we would have to give the positions to the graduates of last year, and the year before who failed to get positions, and the supply of normal graduates would have to be exhausted before we could turn to women in the position of Mrs. Hellman.

Three Protests on Slate.

"The women's organizations who adopted resolutions of protest seem to believe there is discrimination against women in the schools and particularly against married women. About 85 per cent of our teachers are women and there are quite a number who are married. These married women entered the service when we did not have enough normal graduates to fill the positions.

"If the rule were a 'relic of feudalism' we would have heard long ago from the women members on the board."

The resolutions of protest against rule 45 passed by the Staunton Political Study Club, the District Woman Suffrage Association and the Political Study Club have been sent to the board of education and will be presented for discussion at the next meeting on the first Wednesday in January. It is likely the protests will be referred to the rules committee.

The rules committee is composed of John B. Larner, chairman; Henry P. Blair, and Ernest H. Daniel. This committee has before it the case of Mrs. Hellman, but will reach no decision in the case until some time after the holidays.

\$1,000,000 Hotel for Artists.

New York, Dec. 23.—A hotel de luxe for artists will soon rear itself on the exclusive Upper West Side. Today the Hotel Des Artistes, incorporated, an organization of wealthy painters in New York, took the first step toward their new abode by the purchase of a plot on the west side of Sixty-seventh street, about 100 feet from Central Park. It is planned to spend \$1,000,000. About \$100,000 will be used on the building and \$900,000 for furniture and decorating.

ARMY FLIER INJURED AS AERO IS WRECKED

Lieut. Ralph C. Holliday Sustains Severe
Cuts and Bruises and Possible
Internal Injuries.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 23.—Another victim of the United States aviators' war game was claimed today, when Lieut. Ralph C. Holliday sustained bad cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries when aeroplane No. 35, which left Los Angeles today in the scouting contest, was wrecked half a mile south of Oceanside, an air current capsizing the machine as the fliers were attempting to land.

Holliday's teammate, Lieut. Joseph C. Morrow, the pilot escaped injury, although badly shaken by the fall. Both aviators were rushed to Oceanside in automobiles.

Aeroplane No. 35, Capt. T. F. Dood pilot, and Lieut. S. W. Fitzgerald observer, the only machine finishing the Mackay trophy competition, landed at North Island, the finish at 1:05 o'clock this afternoon. It is reported the officers located the theoretical "enemy" near San Diego. They won the Clarence Mackay cup.

JEWELRY WORTH \$1,122 STOLEN FROM RESIDENCE

F. W. Brandenburg's Home Robbed
While Family Gone—Colored Maid
Missing When Theft Discovered.

Jewelry valued at \$1,122 was stolen yesterday afternoon from the residence of F. W. Brandenburg, 1829 T street northwest.

The theft occurred during the absence of the family. The house was in charge of a colored maid, who had disappeared when the family returned home for dinner.

The jewelry was in dresser and bureau drawers, and when the family returned the contents of the bureau and dressers had been thrown out on the floor, ransacked and every piece of jewelry taken. Detectives Thomas McNamee and Frank Haur took charge of the case. They expect to make an arrest today and also to recover the jewelry.

This robbery is the biggest of the many reported to the police during the present wave of thieving.

THIEVES TAKE BOILER, PIANO, AND AN ANVIL

Wagon Load of Iron and 6,000 Feet
of Lumber Go to Join
Missing List.

Recently the police were called upon to trace the thief who stole an anvil belonging to the Washington Railway and Electric Company. Shortly afterward a wagon load of iron was stolen from a junk shop in the northwest section. Then somebody came along and "lifted" a piano from a house in Ninth street northwest. Next, 6,000 feet of lumber was stolen from one of the wharves in the southwest and 1,200 bricks from a Georgetown contractor.

Yesterday Mrs. E. M. Whitmore, of 397 First street northwest, owner of the Centur Hotel, 200 B street northwest, now vacant, reported that a steam boiler in eight sections, weighing 3,000 pounds, had been taken from the basement of the hotel building.

U. S. AND ENGLAND AT PEACE 100 YEARS TODAY

Celebration of Centenary Delayed in
Britain by War—To Be Held
Here in February.

This is the anniversary of 100 years of peace between English-speaking peoples, growing out of the signing of the treaty of Ghent by Great Britain and the United States on December 24, 1814.

General celebration of the event, planned in England, was to have included the entertainment of representative Americans and Canadians. This program has been postponed until after the ending of the war.

In the United States celebrations in February will be held on the 100th anniversary of the arrival of sailing ships carrying copies of the treaty.

EXPERT ON PURE FOOD GIVES CHRISTMAS MENU

Dr. Wiley Banishes Plum Pudding as
Being Too Heavy, but Puts
in Black Coffee.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert, yesterday gave out the following menu for an ideal Christmas dinner from the pure food standpoint. He eliminates plum pudding, because he considers it "too heavy."

Oyster Soup.
Turkey.
Cranberries. Potatoes.
Creamed Carrots or Turnips.
Plain Lettuce Salad, French Dressing.
Mince or Pumpkin Pie.
Cheese. Black Coffee.

WARSHIP SUNK OFF SYRIA.

Vessel of Unidentified Nationality
Reported Lost with All on Board.

Athens, Dec. 23.—A warship whose nationality is not known is reported in a dispatch from Mytilene to be sunk off the coast of Syria with all on board.

French and British warships have been off the coast of Syria for some time and were joined recently by the Russian cruiser *Askold*. The United States cruiser *Tennessee* left Alexandria, Egypt, for Jaffa, Syria, early yesterday.

WARSAW SAFE, RUSS CLAIM; PORTUGAL TO AID ENGLAND; FRENCH GAIN EAST OF MEUSE

FRENCH PREPARE FOR HUGE EFFORT TO CROSS RHINE

Joffre Makes All Plans with
View to Invasion of
Germany.

METZ IS BOMBARDED

Russian Failure in Poland
Has Delayed Allies' Of-
fensive So Far.

FIRST STEPS BEING TAKEN

Gallieni to Lead Army Which Will
Make Attempt to Carry War
Into Germany.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 23.—The invasion of Upper Alsace, combined with a south-to-north movement along the Rhine, is learned on the most trustworthy authority, is the foremost feature of the French plan to carry the war into Germany.

The present French activity in Upper Alsace and the Vosges, and the bombardment of the Metz forts—of which nothing has been said officially—are the first steps in the great scheme, but the general offensive will come in a few weeks, when the French armament makers have given the army a clear superiority in heavy guns.

The plan is designed with the triple object of bringing home to the German people the horrors of war, ransacking German cities near the Rhine, and forcing the German retreat in the western theater of the war a strategic certainty.

When, however, it was realized Von Hindenburg was capable of holding up the Russians in Poland for an indefinite period the French general staff was confronted with the problem of devising a powerful offensive movement in the west.

Of the two alternatives of striking the Germans violently all along the line or throwing an army across the Rhine near Fribourg, Gen. Joffre selected the latter, because it is more likely to succeed and will cost fewer lives.

Gen. Gallieni, the present military governor of Paris, will command the forces which will make the attempt, and he will be called the Army of the Rhine.

To Be Made Marshal.

If he succeeds Gallieni will be made a marshal of France, not because his work will necessarily be finer than that already accomplished by Gen. Foch, De Castelnau, Dubail and others, but because he will have fulfilled the tacitly formulated army regulation which came into force after the 1870 war that future French marshals must first win their batons in the Rhine.

Simultaneously, the same dignity—a marshalship is a dignity, not a rank—would be conferred on Joffre.

The plan to invade Germany is, of course, supposed to be a close secret. Politicians say that when it is known it will meet with opposition from a small section of Socialists who, while firmly supporting a defensive war, object to an invasion of German territory on the ground that it would mean a terrific struggle.

Metz and Strasbourg will be spared bombardment because they are the capitals of Lorraine and Alsace, but their outer forts will be demolished and the German garrisons held in hand by adequate making forces.

Preparations for the "coup" are being pushed ahead with feverish haste. Thousands of workers have been withdrawn from the trenches and garrisons and sent to the great armament factories of Creusot and Schneider for the manufacture of guns.

INDIANS DESERT UNION JACK.

Large Number of Mohammedans in
British Army Join Turks.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—It is reported officially from Constantinople that many Indian Mohammedans of the British army of occupation in Egypt are deserting to the Turks.

Deputations of Indian Mohammedans have arrived in Constantinople. Their coming has been the cause of great jubilation.

PORTUGAL PREPARES TO AID ENGLAND IN WAR

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—Portugal will push forward its preparations for war and will intervene on the side of Great Britain, it is necessary, the chamber of deputies decided today. The following resolution was adopted:

"Recognizing that the present political crisis has been solved on constitutional lines, and that the first acts of the new government have been inspired by a patriotic program, the chamber repeats its expression of confidence in the government to continue to defend the republic and vigorously push forward the preparation for military defense of the colonies, and also the preparation for our intervention in the war in Europe by the side of Great Britain.

The minister of colonies announced that German forces have invaded Angola, Portuguese West Africa, a second time, making an attack on the military post at Naulila.

WARSAW IS SAFE, WAR CHIEF SAYS

Russian Minister, Back from
Front, Makes Claims
of Victories.

VICTORY ON THE BZURA

Germans Definitely Checked and Mus-
covite Invasion of East Prussia
Is Continuing, He Says.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—"We are invading East Prussia from the east and from the south, and we have driven the Germans back across the Bzura River. On the Pilica River we are repulsing the Germans attempting to advance from Lodz. Warsaw is safe. In Eastern Galicia and Southern Poland we have broken the Austro-German offensive."

Minister of War Sukhomlinoff today summed up the military situation in these words. M. Sukhomlinoff, who has done more than any other two men in Russia to make the army an effective organization, made no flamboyant predictions that the German army would be crushed immediately. He admitted frankly that the enemy had won some successes.

The minister of war has just returned from the front and has held a conference with Emperor Nicholas at Moscow. He declared that the stories of great victories given out in Berlin were "lies designed to counteract the discontent caused by the failure of the German war machine to accomplish any of the magnificent deeds expected of it."

German Losses Heavy.

"We have given ground at some points on the great battle front," he said, "but we have gained more ground at other points which are of great importance. The Germans' gains have been made at the expense of terrible loss of life on their part."

"The German commanders have sacrificed tens of thousands of men to gain only a temporary advantage. It is possible to foresee the result of their strategy and of ours. We attack as soon as we find the enemy weakening. We sacrifice no soldiers needlessly. Our gains are permanent."

"It is the wish of the Emperor that the Russian soldiers shall not be used to feed the German cannon. His wish is echoed by our commanders and as a result the Russian army has a strength unequalled in the world's history."

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—A great battle is raging today along the Pilica River between Lodz and Opoczno. The Germans are attempting to cross the river to gain possession of the railroad running from Ivangorod to Southwestern Poland. There is a lull on the Bzura River, on the western side of which the Germans are awaiting fresh troops to resume their efforts to reach Warsaw.

QUIT BATTLE FRONT FOR XMAS.

Many British Officers and Enlisted
Men Granted Short Furloughs.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Three and four-day furloughs were granted today to many British officers, who will spend Christmas at home.

Short furloughs also are being given to French and British privates. It is believed that, for sentimental reasons, there will be very little fighting on Christmas day.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.
The Standard Railroad of the South, S. Ltd. Trains Daily to Florida, Cuba, South. 1406 New York Ave. N. W.—Adv.

Hotel Woodstock, New York City.
Quiet and in the heart of things.—Adv.

ARMIES CLASH IN ARGONNE AS FOG CLOAKS FLANDERS

Action on Western Front Is
Transferred to East
of Meuse.

FRENCH DRIVEN BACK

Paris Admits Reverse for
Arms in the Vicinity
of Bourville.

ADVANCE AT OTHER POINTS

Bayonet Is Used with Great Success
in Fighting in the Woods
of Forgue.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The action seems to have been transferred to the end of the line away from Flanders. In the latter locality there is every indication that both troops are profiting from heavy fogs and other unfavorable meteorological conditions to obtain a much needed rest, after fighting themselves almost into a state of exhaustion.

Between the Meuse and the Argonne forests, however, the French have had almost universal success, meeting with only one check to their onward progress. The district where the Germans appear to have checked the French, it is not to have won a victory over them, is in the vicinity of Bourville, where on Monday the French infantry and marine fusiliers attacked and gained a foothold in the first line of German trenches, following this up yesterday with further appreciable progress. Today the war office admits that the Germans have rallied here, and that the outcome seems to be "fairly serious."

French Win with Bayonet.

In the fighting around the woods of Forgue the French have used the bayonet with great success. By a series of dashing and impetuous charges they succeeded in penetrating to the barbed wire entanglements of the Germans at the salient east of Cuisy, and tonight are resting on their arms before these defenses. It is probable that tomorrow's fighting will be through these barbed wire entanglements.

The greatest progress made by the French has been in the vicinity of Perthes-lez-Hurlus, on the western edge of the Argonne forest, where violent fighting enabled them to gain 800 yards. The gunners in one section of the German rapid-fire batteries served their pieces until completely surrounded by the great numbers of French, who took them prisoners and seized their guns.

FRANZ JOSEF DYING,
IS RUMOR IN ROME

Pope Is Asked to Send Death-bed
Blessing and Kaiser Called to
Vienna, Is Reported.